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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

In response to the Final Office Action dated May 12, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 12, 2004, and the Advisory Action dated August 30, 2004, please enter this Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 of the above-identified application. Applicant herewith petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for reply to the Final Office Action dated May 12, 2004 for one month from August 30 to September 30, 2004. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0496/WBP \$880.00 for an RCE, a one month extension of time, and for any fees, including excess claim fees required to make this RCE timely and acceptable to the Office.

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